

HB 2242 - H AMD 424

By Representative Kenney

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1 On page 3, after line 3, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 4.** A new section is added to chapter 43.330
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1) By November 1, 2009, the director shall develop
5 recommendations for the governor and the appropriate legislative
6 committees regarding:

7 (a) The mission, goals, organizational structure and
8 responsibilities of the department, with particular emphasis on
9 promoting innovation, statewide economic and business development,
10 sustainability of existing businesses, international trade, and other
11 factors that will improve the effectiveness of the state's
12 competitiveness climate;

13 (b) Existing programs provided within and outside the department
14 of community, trade and economic development that might best serve the
15 state's economic development mission by being aligned within the
16 department; and

17 (c) Alternative service delivery mechanisms, collaborations, and
18 partnerships that might best serve the state's economic development
19 goals.

20 (2) The legislature recognizes that the department of community,
21 trade and economic development contains a number of important existing
22 programs that deliver essential services to communities and
23 individuals. The director shall recommend options for locating these
24 vital services outside the department, including the possible need for
25 a separate new department for critical programs such as community
26 services, capital programs, and housing.

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1 (3) In developing these recommendations, the director shall
2 collaborate with the office of the governor, the office of financial
3 management, the chairs and ranking minority members of the community
4 and economic development and trade committee of the house of
5 representatives and the economic development, trade and innovation
6 committee of the senate.

7 (4) The director and the officials listed in subsection (3) of
8 this section shall identify, and seek expert input from,
9 representatives of business, labor, professional associations of
10 economic development practitioners, local governments, housing
11 organizations, and other key economic and community development
12 stakeholders."

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14 Renumber the sections consecutively and correct any internal
15 references accordingly. Correct the title.

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EFFECT: By November 1, 2009, requires the Department of Commerce
director to develop recommendations for the Governor and
appropriate legislative committees on the department's mission,
goals, organizational structure, responsibilities, program
alignment, service delivery mechanisms and partnerships. Requires
an emphasis on innovation, economic and business development,
sustainability of existing business, international trade, and
factors that improve the competitiveness climate. Requires the
director to recommend options for relocating critical existing
programs that serve communities and individuals, including the
possible need for a new separate agency. Requires the director, in
collaboration with the Office of the Governor, the Office of
Financial Management, and leaders of relevant legislative
committees, to identify and seek input from a broad range of
stakeholders.

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